DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Special concessions in respect of the Land Revenue Assessment for the year 1933-34.

READ—

Government Order No. R 361-70—L. R. 44-33-2, dated the 20th July 1933, directing the grant of certain concessions while restoring the khates resumed to Government for non-payment of arrears.

2. Subject No. 20, discussed at the last Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly, regarding concession in the payment of land revenue during the current year.

ORDER No. R. 3065-75—L. R. 221-33-32, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND—23RD DECEMBER 1933.

In the Government Order of 20th July 1933, read above, certain concessions have been sanctioned in regard to the cases of lands brought to sale for arrears of revenue and resumed to Government for want of bids, but subsequently restored to the occupants on payment of the arrears due. Deputy Commissioners have been empowered in such cases and when satisfied that such a concession is deserved, to remit the sale proclamation fees and other process fees and also the interest on the arrears. This concession is available in respect of arrears of the last year, *viz.*, 1932-33 and of the previous years and has been ordered to be continued up to the end of January 1934.

2. In respect of the land revenue assessment due for the current official year 1933-34, in view of the continued low level of prices of agricultural produce, the Government are pleased, in accordance with the announcement made at the Representative Assembly in October last to sanction the following special concessions up to the end of June 1934:—

(*i*) Under Rule 95 of the Land Revenue Rules, the Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner in charge of a taluk or the Amildar or Deputy Amildar, as the case may be, is empowered, at his discretion, to remit the fee for notice of demand in any case if it shall appear to him that its levy will occasion undue hardship. The Government are pleased to direct that where the land revenue involved relates only to the current year and the dues are paid up before the lands are brought to sale, notice fee will be remitted, in all cases.

(*ii*) The forfeiture and *Isthihar* fees also may be waived by the Deputy Commissioner at his discretion in specially deserving cases.

(*iii*) In cases where lands have been brought to sale and resumed to Government for want of bids and the parties, after payment of all arrears and costs, apply for restoration of *Khate* within a reasonable time, no penalty by way of levy of an upset price or otherwise need be recovered for such restoration.

(*iv*) The Deputy Commissioners will make a liberal use of the powers vested in them under Rule 35 of the Land Revenue Rules as regards the remission of the arrears without recourse to further process by distraint of movable or by proceeding against the other properties of the defaulter in cases where a holding which has been forfeited for default in payment of land revenue due thereon is not sold or when the sale proceeds thereof are not sufficient to meet the arrear.

(*v*) The notice fee leviable under Section 158, Land Revenue Code, *viz.*, four annas if arrears are below Rs. 5 and eight annas if above as per Rule 103 of the Land Revenue Rules, is temporarily fixed at annas four irrespective of the amount of revenue due.

3. It is not intended by these orders that there should be any delay or relaxation in adopting and pursuing the usual processes for recovery of land revenue which should, as far as possible, be concluded before the close of the year.

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